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The Alaska Baptist Convention is congregations cooperating together to **SEEK** Christ, **SHARE** Christ, **STRENGTHEN** congregations, **START** congregations and **SEND** Christians.

2013 State Evangelism Conference Faithful through the Storms January 28-29 • First Baptist Church, Anchorage

Monday: Noon - 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon and 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

(lunch included with online reservation only)

Featured Guests

Fred Luter Jr. • Dennis Watson

Dr. Mark Foley • Aaron Coe • Dwight Fitch • Vicki Watson

Break-out sessions: Multiplying Church, Winning Worship, Lessons Learned from the Storm, Developing Leaders...who Develop Leaders, The Cycle, and Surviving Life's Storms (ladies track)

Hotel reservation deadline is noon, January 14
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*Dillingham Bible Fellowship
King Salmon Community Baptist Chapel
Moose Pass Community Church
Togiak Baptist Mission*

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what's in a name?

You may have noticed we have changed the name of our state newsletter from the "Alaska Baptist Messenger" to the "Alaska Baptist Milepost." Why? A messenger is "a person who carries a message or goes on an errand for another....a person employed to convey official dispatches..." (dictionary.com) A milepost is "a notable point or significant event..." (dictionary.com) The Alaska Baptist Milepost will keep us up-to-date with the news of significant events in our congregations and ministries. As your congregation or ministry has an event or announcement you would like to include in the Alaska Baptist Milepost, please send the information to Betsy Shilling, betsy@alaskabaptistconvention.com no later than the 15th of each month.



Mike (Rebecca) Procter
Executive Director
Alaska Baptist Convention



A statement I have often heard about mission giving through the Cooperative Program (CP) is that “it is not personal” and there is “no face to place” with the CP. During this next year, this column will feature Alaskans who receive mission support through the CP. You will read testimonies from Church Planter Catalysts, Mission Service Corps missionaries, state missionaries, church planting missionaries, mission/ministry staff and others who are able to serve the Lord and Alaska Baptists because of the faithful mission giving of your congregations and ministries through the CP. Some will be familiar faces; some will be new faces. By the end of the year I hope you will be able to put a face to the CP because as your lead state missionary (Executive Director/Treasurer) I am the CP. Without your giving to CP, I would not be able to serve the Lord and His people in Alaska.

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Chugach Baptist Association						
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$216.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$216.50
Anchorage Hope Comm Bapt Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$4,685.45	\$302.00	\$1,029.50	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$6,136.95
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chugach Resort Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$1,732.92	\$310.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,442.92
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$989.00	\$156.25	\$633.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,778.25
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$1,283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,283.00
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$50,220.56	\$3,815.00	\$8,674.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62,710.00
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$31,266.02	\$1,755.00	\$7,003.00	\$400.00	\$295.75	\$40,719.77
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$9,144.00	\$0.00	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$84.27	\$10,103.27
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,000.00	\$350.00	\$306.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,656.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$4,384.00	\$0.00	\$541.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,925.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$3,760.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,760.97
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$32,784.66	\$1,850.00	\$7,382.00	\$620.00	\$146.00	\$42,782.66
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$7,841.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,841.88
Hillside Baptist Church	\$13,537.95	\$313.00	\$690.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,540.95
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$1,180.50	\$1,097.68	\$200.00	\$260.00	\$0.00	\$2,738.18
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
Mtn View Community Church	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$9,250.00	\$1,170.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,420.42
New Grace Christian Church	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,900.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$9,988.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,988.00
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$3,667.07	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,667.07
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$1,517.00	\$0.00	\$72.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,589.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$21,418.19	\$3,467.00	\$3,658.00	\$0.00	\$511.14	\$29,054.33
The Church of New Beginnings	\$151.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$151.80
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$3,850.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,850.00
True North Church	\$6,250.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,250.00
University Baptist Church	\$11,144.18	\$1,286.00	\$1,861.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,291.18
Valley View Baptist Church	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$727.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$852.00
Total	\$246,150.65	\$17,647.35	\$37,474.94	\$1,400.00	\$1,037.16	\$303,710.10
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association						
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$11,003.35	\$2,217.00	\$1,741.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$15,086.35
Bodenberg Butte Bapt Church	\$5,811.45	\$270.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,431.45
CrossCountry Church	\$1,500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$6,619.72	\$0.00	\$2,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,269.72
Ekwo Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$19,307.72	\$2,839.47	\$3,093.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,240.80
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$16,666.60	\$1,919.85	\$2,115.67	\$456.00	\$0.00	\$21,158.12
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$18,879.24	\$1,394.07	\$2,944.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,217.31
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$27,345.72	\$0.00	\$2,355.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,701.22
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$3,916.85	\$0.00	\$296.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,213.52
King Salmon Community Chapel	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$365.00
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$5,104.26	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,864.26
North Bear St Comm Church	\$66.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66.00
Pioneer Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$340.00
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$3,692.81	\$356.10	\$949.00	\$526.20	\$0.00	\$5,524.11
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$4,702.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,702.11
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
Total	\$125,465.83	\$10,006.49	\$17,650.45	\$1,107.20	\$0.00	\$154,229.97
Kenai Peninsula						
College Heights Baptist Church	\$41,186.87	\$2,790.00	\$3,669.00	\$5,499.80	\$0.00	\$53,145.67
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$5,077.87	\$385.00	\$289.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,751.87
Lighthouse Community Church	\$12,351.67	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,851.67
Moose Pass Community Church	\$356.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$356.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Total	\$59,272.41	\$3,175.00	\$6,958.00	\$5,499.80	\$0.00	\$74,905.21

January-November 2012 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Other						
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$370.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$140.00	\$1,235.00
Total	\$370.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$140.00	\$1,235.00
Tanana Valley Baptist Association						
Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$14,852.30	\$0.00	\$1,387.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,239.30
Faith Baptist Church	\$3,325.00	\$0.00	\$1,144.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,469.00
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$7,714.36	\$916.00	\$1,863.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,493.36
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$25,169.07	\$1,951.00	\$1,246.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,366.07
First Baptist Church, Delta Jct	\$40,810.00	\$0.00	\$2,593.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$44,153.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$600.00	\$346.00	\$514.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,460.00
Hispanic Mission	\$345.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$845.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$750.00	\$115.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,055.00
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$8,802.41	\$336.27	\$270.07	\$0.00	\$238.46	\$9,647.21
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$7,366.61	\$0.00	\$955.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,321.61
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
North Star Baptist Church	\$42.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$7,279.23	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,779.23
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$860.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,910.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$9,477.10	\$350.00	\$671.81	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$10,628.91
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Fellowship	\$689.20	\$305.00	\$245.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,239.20
University Baptist Church	\$17,263.00	\$1,087.00	\$5,387.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$23,787.00
Total	\$144,985.28	\$6,606.27	\$18,025.88	\$1,230.00	\$238.46	\$171,085.89
Tongass Baptist Association						
Anchor Baptist Church	\$4,311.43	\$160.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,571.43
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$3,062.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,062.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$3,564.57	\$116.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,180.57
Filipino Baptist Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$9,962.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,962.40
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$8,654.17	\$2,645.00	\$2,895.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,194.17
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$3,698.00	\$1,141.00	\$875.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,714.63
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$7,300.44	\$0.00	\$52.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,353.01
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$17,237.50	\$0.00	\$3,662.00	\$3,586.85	\$0.00	\$24,486.35
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$512.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$512.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$665.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$70.00	\$151.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$921.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$227.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$227.50
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$557.21	\$0.00	\$162.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$719.71
Total	\$60,367.22	\$4,132.00	\$8,733.70	\$3,586.85	\$0.00	\$76,819.77
Grand Total	\$636,611.39	\$41,792.11	\$88,842.97	\$13,323.85	\$1,415.62	\$781,985.94
Goals	\$720,322.00	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$160,000.00		
Over/Under Goal	\$(83,710.61)	\$(48,207.89)	\$(1,157.03)	\$(146,676.15)		

Legend:

CP:	Cooperative Program, January - December
SMO:	Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering, August - July
AA:	Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, January - December
LM:	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, June - May
WH:	World Hunger, January - December



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Your Cooperative Program dollars at work in Alaska...



Pray for Pastor Jay (Christine) Dagenhart and the congregation of OnMission Church as they plant a new work in the Mat-Su Valley. Your congregation's mission support through the Cooperative Program is a vital resource to this new congregation.

**Please Pray for
our Pastorless
Churches**

Chugach Baptist Association

Chugach Resort Ministries
Kiana Baptist Mission
Mtn View Community Church
New Hope Baptist Church
Shungnak Baptist Mission
New Beginnings Baptist Church
University Baptist Church

Hatcher Pass Baptist Association

King Salmon Comm Baptist Chapel

Kenai Peninsula

First Baptist Church, Kenai
Moose Pass Community Church

Tanana Valley Baptist Association

Chinese Fellowship
Friendship Baptist Church
North Star Baptist Church

Tongass Baptist Association

Hoonah Baptist Mission

**Women on Mission
Celebration
April 11-13, 2013**

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MILEPOST MOMENTS

The staff of the Alaska Baptist Convention reserves the right to edit submitted information for content and space.

St. John Baptist Church, Fairbanks

Pastor Lawrence (Karen) Ellison celebrated his fourth anniversary at SJBC on December 2.

Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla

The church celebrated their 30th anniversary on December 2.

Frontier Baptist Church, Kodiak

FBC sponsored a mission trip to Karluk where five members ministered for three days. They conducted Bible studies, "Wyldlife" youth events and installed siding on an elder's house.

First Baptist Church, Petersburg

FBC mourned the passing of Bill Pawuk, long-standing member, deacon, church treasurer and Sunday school teacher. While he will be sorely missed, members rejoice in knowing he is with the Lord and they will all be reunited some day!

Community Baptist Church, Nome

CBC assembled 220 gift packages that were sent to selected families, Anvil Mountain Correction Center, Seaside Center Halfway House and Nome Juvenile Youth Facility. Ten gift packages were also sent to the Ber-

ing Sea Women's Group. CBC wishes to thank all the churches and individuals who continue to assist them in bringing the good news of Jesus to Nome, Norton Sound and the Northwest Arctic.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

UBC will host the Women's Winter Wake-Up event January 11-12. Babs Dial will be the guest speaker. A grief support group, "Road to Healing" meets Monday evenings, January 14-February 18. Classes are limited to six participants.

The "Nones"

The number of people who claim no religious affiliation in the United States has more than doubled in the last 20 years. Commonly referred to as the "nones," nearly 16% of the population consider themselves to be unattached to any religion.

Source: *Time*, March 12, 2012; printed in *OnMission* magazine, Winter 2012

Safety Check

More and more churches are using background check software to screen potential volunteers. The number of organizations using background checks has risen 27% in the last year with close to 1,700 churches or religious



organizations checking on more than 25,000 volunteers. Though the process can be tedious, these churches are looking to protect the safety of your kids and families.

Source: Baptist Press, September 12, 2011; printed in *OnMission* magazine, Winter 2012

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CALL TO
PRAYER

Answer the call by praying for
spiritual awakening for your
family and friends, your church,
your nation and your world.

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Impact your community, your nation and the world this January by leading your church to join with thousands of others across the Southern Baptist Convention in united prayer for spiritual awakening.

My Family. Select a family member and pray they would come to faith in Christ.

My Friends. Select a friend and pray for them to respond to the gospel.

My Nation. Select a "Send North America

City" and pray for the church planting efforts in that area.

My World. Select an unreached people group and pray the gospel will be advanced among these people.

Forrest and Sybillia Fuhr **Memorial Scholarship for 2013-2014**

Application deadline is
April 30, 2013

A maximum of ten (10) scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1500 each for the 2013-2014 school year (full-time status). Part-time status will be allowed at a prorated reduced amount. Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, room and board. Award notification letters are mailed by May 31, 2013. The 2013 application and brochure are available online.

If you have questions,
please contact Adam Long,
foundation@alaskabaptistfoundation.com
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November 12-13, 2012 Summary of Board Actions

1. Executive Committee took action on May 30, 2012, to approve the giving of furniture, furnishings, and equipment to Grace Bible Church in Sutton. These items had reverted to the Alaska Baptist Convention with the disbanding of Sutton Baptist Church.
2. Accepted the organizational structure of the Board: Administration and Personnel Committee: Kerry Chadwick, Wally Smith, Bryan Myers, Larry Macknicki, Mary Sue Foster and Jae McKee, chair; Budget and Finance Committee: Joe Blackburn, Chad Richardson, Al Thomerson, Charles Bridges, Jack Sherman and Fronty Parker, chair; Missions and Church Development Committee: Troy Gourley, Mark Goodman, Keith Webb, Colleen Cannon, Harold Conrad, Johnny McCoy and Gary Elmore, chair.
3. Approved the minutes of May 7-8, 2012, Executive Board Meeting.
4. Approved the minutes of September 25-26, 2012, Annual Meeting that were corrected as follows: page 2, fourth paragraph, line 4 should read “333,823”; page 3, first paragraph, line 4 should read “Jeff Ling (layperson from FBC, North Pole)”; and page 5, sixth paragraph, line 5 should read “Todd Burgess, messenger of FBC, Eagle River, seconded the motion.”
5. Approved the recommendation to give the immediate task of filling the three vacant positions of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to the newly appointed Committee on Committees.
6. Approved the October 2012 financial reports.
7. Approved the purchase of a new phone system for the ABC office from GCI at a price not to exceed \$10,000—funding to come from Account 8301 Office Equipment Upgrade.
8. Approved the revision of the 2013 ABC Budget to reflect the 95/5 NAMB ratio and the \$6000 from the Alaska Baptist Foundation to offset utilities and office administration costs.
9. Approved the following changes to Policies Procedures Manual, Part I, Section II Section A, line 3 change “elected” to “selected and approved” and line 12 change “elects” to “approves”; Section B, line 3 change “elected” to “approved” and line 5 change “elected” to “approved”; and Section C #1, line 2 change “vote to approve their messengers to the Alaska Baptist Convention” to “submit their approved messengers to the Alaska Baptist Convention.”
10. Approved the motion that expenses of Executive Board members will not be paid or reimbursed for travel to or from the Alaska Baptist Convention Annual Meeting.
11. Approved to provide \$1,000 per month for support to plant a new church in the Eagle River area called Moriah Fellowship (Billie Barnhill, pastor), under the Hatcher Pass Baptist Association; (2) Provide \$400 per month for support to plant a new church in Big Lake area of Hatcher Pass Baptist Association called Community Christian Fellowship (Dawson Lindblom, pastor); (3) Provide \$1,000 per month for support of church plant, OnMission Church (Jay Dagenhart, pastor) in the Hatcher Pass Baptist Association; (4) Provide \$1,000 per month for support of new work called Journey Church (Bill Little, pastor) in the Hatcher Pass Baptist Association; (5) Provide \$1,000 per month to plant a new church in Anderson (Daryl Turley, pastor); (6) Provide \$1,000 per month to plant a new church in Juneau (Pete Kuhn, pastor); (7) Provide \$1,000 per month to plant a church in Hyدابurg sponsored by Anchor Baptist Church (Dean Blankenship, pastor), Craig; (8) Provide \$1,000 per month to support new church plant, City On A Hill Church (Andy Vaughn, pastor), in the Eagle River area affiliated with the Chugach Baptist Association and sponsored by Grandview Baptist Church, Anchorage; and (9) Provide \$1,000 per month to start a multi-site church in downtown Anchorage known as True North Downtown sponsored by True North Church, Anchorage (Brent Williams, pastor). Funding for these Board Actions would come from Account 5342 Church Planting Fund.
12. Approved to set aside up to \$48,000 to assist Friendship Baptist Mission forfeit autonomy and give authority to a sponsoring church, association and/or the Alaska Baptist Convention. The funds for this Board Action would come from Account 8196 State-Wide Missions, which will also benefit Hispanic Mission, Korean Baptist Mission, and Togiak Baptist Mission. (Fifty percent of Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering goes toward funding Account 8196).
13. Approved the first quarter call of 2013 be designated to assist village churches requesting assistance to pay their heating bills. Johnny McCoy made an amendment to the motion to add the words “first quarter call of the 2000 Club for 2013”.
14. Approved the 2013 housing allowance for Mike Procter, Jimmy Stewart, Butch Strickland, and Alan Dial.
15. Approve the recommendation for the ABC Executive Director to sign the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the North American Mission Board and the Alaska Baptist Convention.



Jimmy Stewart
*Director of Evangelism and
 Church Development*

The State Evangelism Conference (SEC) promises to be a great event. Sign up on our website (www.alaska-baptistconvention.com) ; if you don't have internet access, please call Betsy Shilling and she will help you with registration (344-9627 in Anchorage; or 800-883-9627). The music, breakout classes and preaching will augment the great fellowship we have each year. I look forward to seeing you at this year's event, Monday-Tuesday, January 28-29 at First Baptist Church, Anchorage.

Lifeway is helping us with a new tool to disciple followers of Christ. "Transformational Discipleship" is a new book written by Eric Geiger, Michael Kelley and Philip Nation -- "at the heart of the book is how people really grow and become disciples. The book is based on extensive research by LifeWay Research which surveyed 1,000 randomly selected Protestant pastors in conjunction with another survey of 4000 Protestant laity as part of the Transformational Discipleship study." This book generated the Transformational Discipleship Assessment (TDA), a comprehensive tool to help churches gain a better understanding of the spiritual health of their congregation and the effectiveness of their methods of discipleship. If you register for the SEC, I will give you a copy of the book and a code needed to complete the online TDA for yourself (a \$25 value). If you are a pastor, I would like you to use this for yourself and then have your church go through the process. This tool will allow you to see a composite of your church discipleship analysis. Once you have completed it, you may want everyone in your church to take the TDA so they may consider their transformation in Christ. All the information is confidential; you will only see total results. But you must sign up for the SEC and attend, in order to receive your book and online code. You may use the code you are given to take the test and be ready to help others experience the transformation Christ offers. When you are ready for your church to take the TDA, give me a call and I can give you details to set this up and receive discounted prices for your members. I am looking forward to a great SEC, with the books as an added bonus.



Butch Strickland
*Director of Church Planting
 and Missions*

I recently represented Alaska Baptists at the semi-annual meeting of the State Directors of Missions in Cleveland, Ohio. Since I couldn't get a flight back to Alaska on Friday afternoon without an eight-hour layover in Seattle I decided to spend another night in Cleveland and leave on Saturday. Having some idle time, I decided to take a nice long walk on which I encountered an historical marker in downtown Cleveland:

The Burnham Mall - The Group Plan of 1903

"Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistency."

Daniel Burnham, Architect/City Planner (1846-1912)

I know this is a secular setting but doesn't Burnham express a principle we find in Biblical teaching as well? Don't we read in passages such as Ephesians 3:20-21, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us"? Isn't the Great Commission a big plan? Do we dare expect anything small from a God who made such plans as those mentioned in Habakkuk 1:5 "Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you"?

"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God" — William Carey, who is called the father of modern missions.

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Is Time Running Out? “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” *Isaiah 55:6-7 (English Standard Version)*

According to some pundits, the Mayan people of Central America developed a calendar which evidences the end of time...December 21, 2012, when the “great cycle of the long count reaches completion”...yeah, yeah, yeah, whatever! Folks have been predicting the end since the beginning but so far, all ends seem to be personal rather than corporate. We appear to be “leaving” one at a time, instead of all together. I am absolutely sure I could find some genius (according to his/her mother) that could, with the help of an Etch A Sketch®, explain how this or that will happen and POOF! We will all be done. Don’t I believe in the end? Of course I do! I’ve been at the “end” for lots of folks and for some of them, it was as horrible as it could possibly be, but for others it was the Lord coming to take them home. For the former, time and opportunity was finished but for the latter, time was just beginning.

We have our own scholars who talk of rapture, tribulation and apocalypse (they don’t necessarily agree in the order) but they know it’s coming. Here’s my take on the deal. There will be a time when this earth suit I call my body will give completely out and I will be taken home...for me it will be a rapture. Exhale here, inhale there, face-to-face with my Savior...absent from the body, present with the Lord. He will come for me, just like He died for me. At my age, with more behind than in front, I witness the truth that, Mayan calendar or not, my end is relatively near, my rapture, while not looming, is coming. For others, and no one knows his/her time, we know this...”The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” *Mark 1:15 (English Standard Version)*. God can still be found! He is near! Repent and He will pardon.

Don’t look toward a Mayan calendar to make your decisions about eternity...rather, look to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Look to the incarnate God, who spoke time itself into existence, the one who will one day come for you.

Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla, Alaska is seeking a **part-time, bi-vocational youth pastor** (grades 7-12). Please include education and experience in resume. To apply please send your resume to Fairview Loop Baptist Church, 3118 W. Fairview Loop Road, Wasilla, AK 99654, email to flbc@mtaonline.net or fax to 907.373.7873.

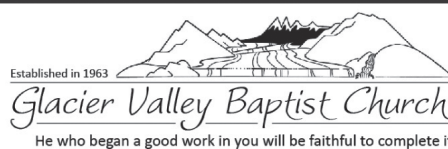
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March 21-22, 2013

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calendar

January 2013

2-6	January Bible Study	17	Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
20	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday		Start a Church Sunday
27	Day of Prayer for the SBC	21-22	Alaska Leadership Event
28-29	State Evangelism Conference	31	Easter Sunday

February 2013

1-28	"True Love Waits" Emphasis Month
3	Souper Bowl Sunday for Hunger Relief
10	Racial Reconciliation Sunday
11-17	Focus on wMu
16	Children's Ministry Day

March 2013

3-9	Youth Week
3-10	Week of Prayer and Mission Study and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
10	Daylight Savings Time begins
15-16	Avalanche '13

upcoming events

- Women on Mission Celebration
- Vacation Bible School training
- New Pastor and full-time staff orientation
- Ministers and Spouses retreat
- National Day of Prayer
- Annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention
- Training Teens Today
- Summer camps at Lavern Griffin Youth Recreation Camp and Camp Baldwin

Watch the Alaska Baptist Milepost for additional information about these events!